




Appl. No. 08/981,233

- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
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APPLICANT: Dr. Peter Gaiser et al.

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FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY DRYING  
PROTEIN-CONTAINING SLUDGE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 18, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 18, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 33 to page 6, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Size and shape of the dried granular material may be influenced by using various types of granulators and by varying the operating parameters during grain conformation. Hereby a narrow grain size distribution at grain diameters of a few millimeters and adaptation to the specific application and to customers' specifications are achieved, e.g. for use in fertilizer spreaders or for pressurized air injection in